

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 18, beginning at line 24, with the following:

At this point, if incubation is required, the test element containing the sample, can be incubated. To accomplish this, the test element is transferred to the inner rotor by the test element transfer mechanism and incubated (such incubators are well known in the art and are depicted as black box 52 in Figure 1), while the outer reagent rotor continues the function of transporting sample and test elements into registration with the stationary probe. After incubation, the sample can be optionally washed, once again, by moving a supply of liquid wash into registration with the stationary probe. After washing, the sample can be transferred to a spectrometer or other analyzer (such analyzers are well known in the art and are shown by the hidden black box 51 in Figure 1) to have its signal measured. On chemiluminescent applications where a signal reagent is needed, once again, a supply of signal reagent is moved into registration with the probe to be aspirated and then dispensed onto the washed sample. After completion of the analysis, the test element can be disposed of. To accomplish this, the second ring is brought into registration with the waste collection container on the first ring and ejected into the waste collection container with the test element dispense mechanism. Likewise, the outer reagent rotor can rotate the waste container into alignment with the stationary probe and receive the used probe tip(s).